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Mr. Richard Barson Interstate Gold, Inc. 64 East 300 South Clarkston, Utah 84305 DIVISION OF OIL. GAS & MINING

Dear Dick:

Your Notice to conduct mining exploration operations under BLM's 3809 surface mining regulations was received on February 13, 1990 and we have assigned your operation case file number U26-90-02N. This Notice covers your proposed operations in western Box Elder County, Utah. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence.

Your mining activity will occur concurrently with other activities on the public lands. A review of your proposed project by our resource staff both in the office and during a field inspection on Wednesday April 4, 1990, raised the following concerns. When proceeding with your on-the-ground operations please inform your field personnel of the following concerns and take the necessary precautions to prevent undue damage or degradation to these other resources:

- 1. As reviewed in the field inspection, access to the drilling locations will be gained by walking the HD6 Crawler/loader, towing the trailer mounted drilling equipment to each location. Surface disturbance will be kept to a minimum and the tracks left will be rehabilitated so as to prevent accelerated erosion.
- 2. The trail will be preflagged and large trees that can not be walked over or around will be cut down with stumps preferably at ground level, but less than <u>six inches</u> in height. Slopes will not exceed 15% and the trail will meander as not to leave a visible line from a distance.
- 3. The site area identified to you by our District Archeologist, Shelley Smith, in her field examination will be avoided. Should surface or subsurface cultural resources be discovered, operations will cease and the Bear River Resource Area Manager notified immediately.

- Pads needed for safety and to stabilize drilling equipment will be kept to a minimum and will be rehabilitated upon completion of drilling. The top layer (at least six inches) of soil and vegetation will be removed and stockpiled for use during reclamation. Reclamation will consist of grading all disturbed areas so that the finished surface blends with the line and form of the surrounding topography. The stockpiled topsoil and vegetation will be spread evenly over the recontoured area then reseeded with the seed mixture provided by the authorized officer.
- 5. All drill holes will be plugged according to State of Utah mining regulations. All trash resulting from your operation will be cleaned up and removed from the area. This is to be deposited in an approved landfill or receptacle. No oil or grease will be drained on the ground. Disposal of these wastes will be in an approved sanitary landfill.

Thank you for your concern and positive attitude towards conserving and protecting our natural resources. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dan Washington, our Surface Protection Specialist for 3809 activities at (801) 524-5348.

Sincerely yours,

Ochig for Leon E. Berggren Bear River Resource Area Manager

cc: Anthony A. Gallegos State of Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining 355 West North Temple 3 Triad Center, Suite 350 Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

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